

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

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DATE

January 29, 2020

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER

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DOCKET NO.

2019-241-EG

UTILITIES MATTER

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ORDER NO.

2020-86

**THIS DIRECTIVE SHALL SERVE AS THE COMMISSION'S ORDER ON THIS ISSUE.**

**SUBJECT:**

DOCKET NO. 2019-241-EG - Petition of Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated for an Accounting Order Related to the Installation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure – Staff Presents for Commission Consideration Dominion Energy South Carolina, Incorporated's Petition for an Accounting Order Related to the Installation of Advanced Metering Infrastructure.

**COMMISSION ACTION:**

Dominion seeks to begin its Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") installation deployment during the second quarter of 2020. In compliance with Commission Order No. 2019-622, the Dominion submitted an AMI Customer Education Plan that provides specific detail of how the Company will communicate AMI deployment to its customers, the availability of the opt out requested by the Office of Regulatory Staff, and the benefits of AMI for customers. For customers to opt out, Dominion has proposed Smart Meter Opt Out Riders for retail electric and gas service, which include a one-time establishment fee of \$168.00 and a monthly rate of \$15.00.

Following receipt of the request for approval of the opt out riders, the Commission issued Order No. 2020-42, which asked Dominion to further explain the \$117.92 information technology charge, which is a component of the establishment fee. The Company complied on January 24, 2020 by explaining that there are significant IT System costs associated with implementing and administering the new smart meter opt out and only a relatively small group of opt out customers (estimated to be 736 customers) from which to recover these costs. I find Dominion's explanation and the accompanying detail in its filing to be reasonable.

Office of Regulatory Staff has previously reviewed the opt out riders and the calculation of the one-time fee and the monthly fee. Office of Regulatory Staff states that it supports the Application, including the Customer Education Plan and the Riders, and recommends approval.

After reviewing the greater detail provided by Dominion and the letter of support provided by Office of Regulatory Staff, I move that we approve the customer opt out riders as submitted.

PRESIDING: RandallSESSION: RegularTIME: 2:00 p.m.

MOTION YES NO OTHER

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